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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FONMIN WILLS

REF: STATE 254964

1. KNOWING THERE WAS A REGULAR CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY, I ATTEMPTED FROM 0800 ON TO REACH FONMIN WILLS. BY 1000 I KNEW CABINET WAS ALREADY IN SESSION AND CONTACTED FONOFF PERMSEC RUDY COLLINS WHO AGREED TO DELIVER TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO WILLS IN CABINET. I PHONED WILLS THIS AFTERNOON TO VERIFY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. HE SAID HE HAD INDEED, AND THAT HE HAD SHOWN IT TO PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS PRESENT AT CABINET MEETING. WILLS THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS SORRY TO HAVE TO TELL ME THAT AFTER FULL CABINET DEBATE THE QUOTE HAWKS UNQUOTE HAD PREVAILED ON THE GROUNDS THAT GUYANA'S INTERESTS LIE IN MAINTAINING SOLIDARITY WITHIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON THIS AS ON OTHER ISSUES. HE REGRETTED THIS DECISION, HE SAID, AS HE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR GUYANA AND OTHER SMALL NATIONS TO RETAIN A DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE ON ISSUES, SUCH AS KOREAN ITEM, WHICH DO NOT TOUCH THEIR VITAL INTERESTS.

2. I SAID I WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THIS, TO WHICH WILLS IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT HE HIMSELF WAS VERY MUCH AWARE AND HAD
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ATTEMPTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT WE REGARDED THIS

AS A QUOTE GUT UNQUOTE ISSUE. NONETHELESS, HE AND THE OTHER
QUOTE DOVES UNQUOTE HAD BEEN IN A DEFINITE MINORITY AND THE ONLY
PERSON WHO COULD OVERRULE THE MAJORITY WOULD BE THE PRIME
MINISTER HIMSELF. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, HE DOUBTED
THAT THERE WAS ANY INCLINATION ON BURNHAM'S PART TO DO SO.
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